

Assemblymember Christine Kehoe Brings You News From Sacramento

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San Diego City Schools Could Get \$400 Million

San Diego City Schools could see a big boost to help students. The Education Bond Act of 2002 passed the Legislature and will be your November ballot. It specifies that over \$13 billion dollars be allocated to schools for construction and modernization to reduce over-crowding, and make other improvements. About \$40 million is earmarked for San Diego City Schools! If AB 16 passes, schools like Lafayette Elementary, Roosevelt Junior High and Madison High School could have a lot more money to spend on long overdue improvement projects.

New Committee Assignments

The new Speaker of the House, Herb Wesson, is shaking things up and keeping us on our toes at the Assembly. He's named me Speaker pro Tempore designee and appointed me to several new committees. I'm pleased to announce my membership on the Arts, Entertainment, Sports, Tourism & Internet Media; Budget; Budget sub-committee 5: Information Technology/Transportation; and Veterans Affairs committees. I remain a chair of the Assembly's Select Committee on Park and River Restoration, and continue my memberships on the Water, Parks, and Wildlife; Housing and Community Development; and Transportation committees.

April is Earthquake Preparedness Month

When most Americans think of Earthquakes, they think of California. Yet, surprisingly, many Californians don't consider themselves at risk and do little to prepare for earthquakes. Our history tells us an earthquake *will* effect our lives. Let's be prepared when it does. Take some time this April to prepare a 72-hour emergency kit that includes food, water, first-aid supplies, a radio and flashlight. Secure your water heater, major appliances, and heavy furniture. Know where your safe spots are, and do as you did when you were in elementary school: practice the duck, cover and hold!

Health Care Town Hall Meeting – April 26th

Are you concerned about the availability of affordable health care insurance, prescription drug coverage, HMO reforms, a patients' bill of rights, long-term care and other health issues? To address your questions and concerns, I'm hosting a town hall meeting on health care. Various health care experts will speak on important issues and provide valuable resource information. The meeting will be held in the Uptown District Shopping Center at the Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Avenue (between Terra and Aladdin restaurants) on Friday, April 26 from 9 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Thanks to those who visited my mobile office

Thank to those who visited my mobile office in Hillcrest on Saturday, March 16th. I was grateful to see so many people brave the drizzly rain to stop by and say hello, share their support and ask questions. Visiting the mobile office is a great way to let me know what issues are important to you, and gives me the opportunity to stay in touch with my neighbors.

Linda Vista Cultural Fair

Come by and visit my booth at the Linda Vista Multi-Cultural Fair, Saturday April 27, 2002. The Fair takes place on 1600 block of Linda Vista Rd., between Comstock and Ulric St., 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.